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For: Novel Dihydropyrimidines

Examiner: D. Rao

Group Art Unit: 1624

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request that the time for responding to the Office Action of 16 September 2005 be extended for five (5) months so as to expire on 16 March 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(5) for a five-month extension of time, and any other fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and/or 1.17 required as a result of this petition, to Deposit Account No. 13-3372. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

RESPONSE

In the Office Action dated 16 September 2005 the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-7, 8[A], and 11-16, drawn to compounds of formula (I) or (Ia), corresponding composition, a process of preparation and method of use, classified in class 544, subclass 333.
- II. Claims 9-10, drawn to pyridyl compounds, classified in class 546, subclass 286 and 332.
- III. Claim 8[B], drawn to a process of preparation of compounds of formula (I) or (Ia), classified in class 544, subclass 333.
- IV. Claim 8[C], drawn to another process of preparation of compounds of formula (I) or (Ia), classified in class 544, subclass 333.
- V. Claim 8[D], drawn to another process of preparation of compounds of formula (I) or (Ia), classified in class 544, subclass 333.

Applicants hereby elect the inventions of Group III (process of claim 8[B]) for prosecution in this application, with full reservation of the right to file additional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required as a result of this response to Deposit Account No. 13-3372. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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